



Homestead Exemption Program



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"Our Department and state officials understand that many elderly and disabled South Dakotans live on fixed incomes and may have difficulty meeting their tax obligations. This brochure explains how the Homestead Exemption Program works, what eligibility requirements must be met, and how to apply."

-Secretary Michael Houdyshell

What the Program Does

The Homestead Exemption Program delays the payment of property taxes until the property is sold. The property taxes are added up and interest of 4% a year is accrued but the taxes are not required to be paid until the property is transferred. "Property" is defined as the house, garage, and the lot upon which it sits, or one acre, whichever is less.

Income Limits

The income limits for applications received are based on a year income of the previous calendar year. "Income" is your federal adjusted income plus any other income (including Social Security payments). The maximum amount of income received to still be eligible for the program is:

Single member household (only one person in household), income less than \$16,000.00.

Multiple member household (include all members income), income less than \$20,000.00.

Eligibility

Entering into this program makes the applicant ineligible for a property tax refund under the Sales or Property Tax Refund for Seniors & Citizens with Disabilities Program. Applicants may still be eligible for a sales tax refund if they otherwise meet the requirements of the program.

- You must be 70 years of age or older or the surviving spouse of someone previously eligible.
- You must have owned a house for at least three years **OR**
- Have been a resident of South Dakota for at least five years.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted annually to your county treasurer on or before April 1st.

Applications are available beginning in January at your county courthouse or from the Property Tax Division's website at:

<https://dor.sd.gov/individuals/taxes/property-tax/relief-programs/>

